

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A vinyl chloride type thermoplastic elastomer composition produced by blending and kneading a pelletized composition (D) obtained by kneading a mixture comprising:

100 parts of (A) a vinyl chloride type resin having a high average polymerization degree,

from 20 to 200 parts of (B) a plasticizer, and

from 50 to 200 parts of (C) a powdered partially crosslinked acrylonitrile/butadiene copolymer, with a powdery mixture (E) obtained by mixing a vinyl chloride type resin having a low average polymerization degree and a plasticizer.

Claim 2 (Original): The vinyl chloride type thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the average polymerization degree of (A) the vinyl chloride type resin is from 1,700 to 4,000.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The vinyl chloride type thermoplastic elastomer composition according to ~~Claim 1-2~~, wherein (C) the powdered partially crosslinked acrylonitrile/butadiene copolymer is a copolymer comprising:

from 20 to 45% of acrylonitrile; and from 80 to 55% of butadiene, wherein a methyl ethyl ketone insoluble content is from 20 to 95%.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The vinyl chloride type thermoplastic elastomer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the average

polymerization degree of the vinyl chloride type resin in the powdery mixture (E) obtained by mixing the vinyl chloride type resin and the plasticizer, is from 800 to 1,500.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The vinyl chloride type thermoplastic elastomer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~a blend ratio (mass ratio) of the pelletized composition (D) to the powdery mixture (E) is from 5/95 to 95/5.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The vinyl chloride type thermoplastic elastomer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~an average size of the pelletized composition (D) is from 1 to 8 mm, and ~~the~~an average particle diameter of the powdery mixture (E) is from 100 to 2,000  $\mu\text{m}$ .